

**REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION  
APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 111(A)**



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Prior Application: International Application No. PCT/JP02/00308  
Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Examiner: Not yet assigned

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continuation Application, entitled **AN OBLIGATION ESTABLISHMENT SUPPORTING SYSTEM, AND A METHOD AND A COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREOF**, under 35 U.S.C. 111(A) of pending prior International Application No. PCT/JP02/00308, filed on January 18, 2002, entitled **AN OBLIGATION ESTABLISHMENT SUPPORTING SYSTEM, AND A METHOD AND A COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREOF**, by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☐ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application.
2. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. ☒ The present application is a Continuation Application under 35 U.S.C. 111(A) of PCT Application No. PCT/JP02/00308, filed on January 18, 2002, which claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-12469, filed on January 19, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.
4. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 Form are submitted herewith (including references )
5. ☒ International Publication WO 02/057977

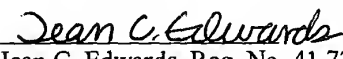
- 6. [X] International Search Report
- 7. [X] Article 34 Amendments (Japanese) filed February 3, 2003
- 8. [X] International Preliminary Examination Report
- 9. [X] Declaration/Power of Attorney.
- 10. [X] Assignment (\$40 Recordation Fee authorized to be charged to the attached PTO-2038 Form).
- 11. [X] This application is assigned to MITSUBISHI CORPORATION, 6-3, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8086 Japan.
- 12. [X] The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application (the fee transmittal form is attached, along with a duplicate copy).
- 13. [X] PTO-2038 Form attached.
- 14. [X] Address all future communications to:

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- 15. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the application filing fee of \$1002.00 to the attached PTO-2038 Form. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	<u>750</u>
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$) <u>750</u>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Independent Claims	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>84</u>
Multiple Dependent		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee nr oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	<u>40</u>
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)40**SUBMITTED BY**

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